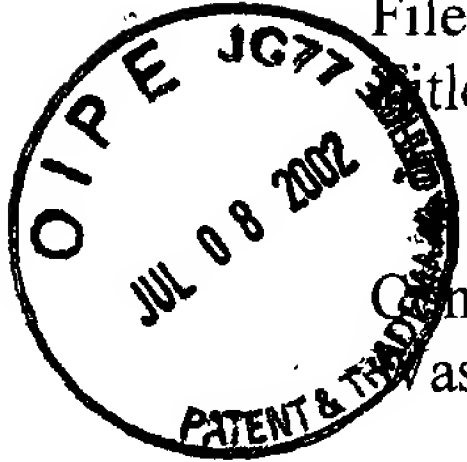


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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed January 3, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 51-96 were rejected and remain pending. In light of the following remarks,  
Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 51-96.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant respectfully requests return of initialed copies of the PTO-1449 form filed February 22, 2002 and the PTO-1449 form filed concurrently herewith reflecting that the submitted references have been considered. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the PTO-1449 form filed February 22, 2002 is attached hereto.

Double patenting rejection

The Examiner rejected claim 51-96 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-71 of U.S. Patent No. 6,291,500.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. To further prosecution, however, a terminal disclaimer has been filed herewith obviating the double patenting rejection.

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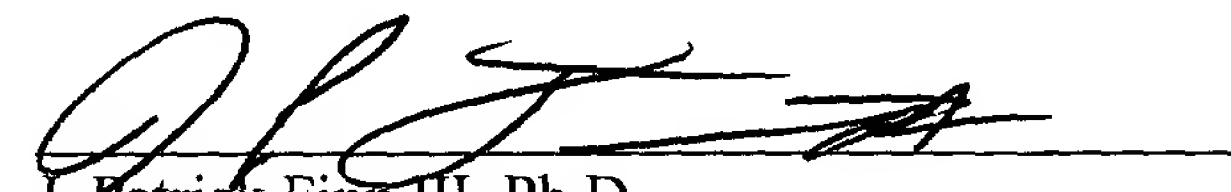
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### CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that claims 51-96 are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. Filed herewith is a Petition for Automatic Extension of Time with the required fee. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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